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PATENT
2750-0198P

IN THE U.S. PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Anne-Marie BOUCKAERT et al. Conf.: 7760
Appl. No.: 09/512,882 Group: 1634
Filed: February 25, 2000 Examiner: D. JOHANNSEN
For: METHODS OF ISOLATING AND/OR IDENTIFYING
RELATED PLANT SEQUENCES.

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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE
PRIMARY EXAMINER TO THE BOARD OF APPEALS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

January 17, 2003

Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Appeals from the decision dated July 17, 2002 of the Primary Examiner finally rejecting claims 1-31 and 34-41.

The enclosed document is being transmitted via the Certificate of Mailing provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.8.

The applicant(s) hereby petition(s) for an extension of three (3) month(s) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.17 and 1.136(a).

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

NO extensions of time have been previously obtained for responding to the Final Rejection. Thus a fee of \$465.00 is required for the full period of the above-requested extension of time.

An extension of _____ () month(s) for responding to the Final Rejection was previously requested and paid for on _____. Thus a fee of \$0.00 is required to obtain an additional _____ () month(s) for filing the Notice of Appeal.

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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.

The Government fee for filing a Notice of Appeal to the Board of Appeals is calculated as follows:

Large entity - \$320.00

Small Entity - \$160.00

Therefore, the TOTAL FEE due for the filing of this Notice of Appeal is \$625.00.

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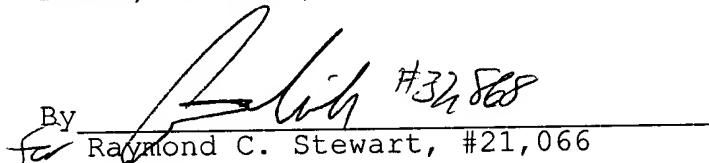
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Respectfully submitted,

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